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# Welcome to The **Lyme Regis** Experience

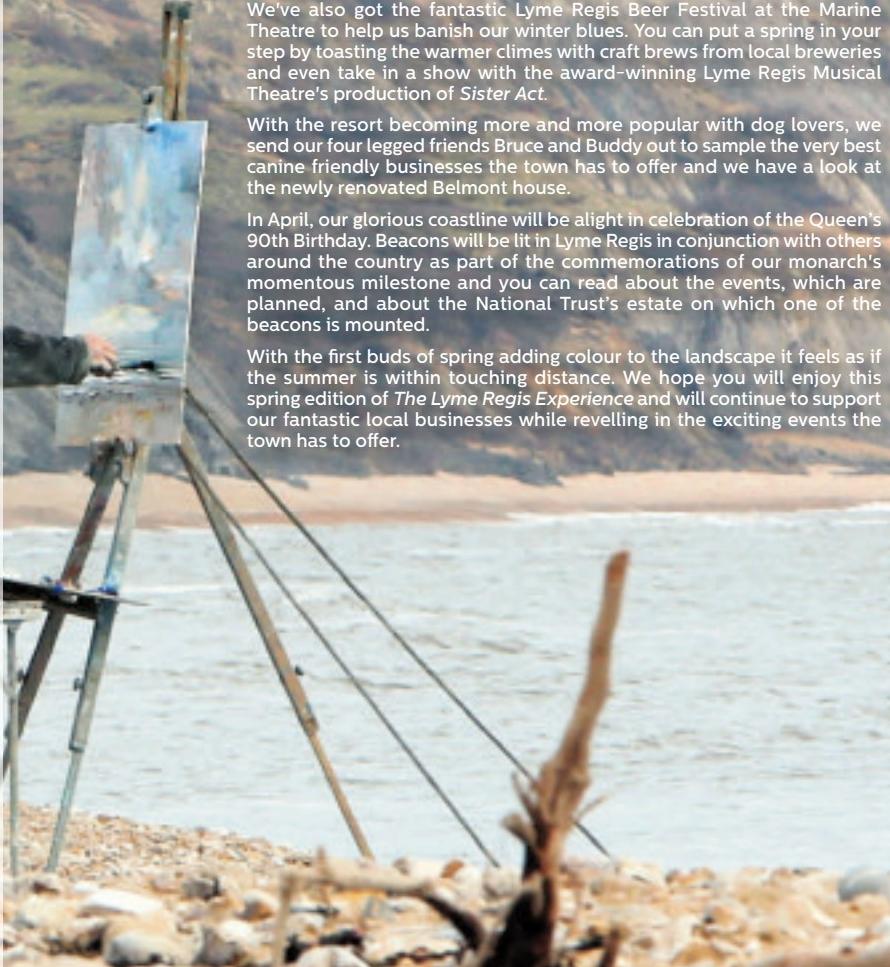
Welcome to the first issue of *The Lyme Regis Experience* of 2016. The holiday season is just beginning and it's time to start looking forward to some warmer and dryer weather following one of the wettest winters on record. Our beautiful little town will, once again, play host to some exciting events over the next few months, including the annual Easter Bonnet Parade, the Jazz Festival, and the much anticipated visit from the Red Arrows, which will return to Lyme Regis to perform a spectacular aerobatic display following months of fund raising. You can have a look at our feature on the Red Arrows which have been visiting the town for more than forty years. A week of community events is planned to herald their return and we will be publishing an exciting limited edition *Lyme Regis Experience* to commemorate their appearance.

We've also got the fantastic Lyme Regis Beer Festival at the Marine Theatre to help us banish our winter blues. You can put a spring in your step by toasting the warmer climes with craft brews from local breweries and even take in a show with the award-winning Lyme Regis Musical Theatre's production of *Sister Act*.

With the resort becoming more and more popular with dog lovers, we send our four legged friends Bruce and Buddy out to sample the very best canine friendly businesses the town has to offer and we have a look at the newly renovated Belmont house.

In April, our glorious coastline will be alight in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday. Beacons will be lit in Lyme Regis in conjunction with others around the country as part of the commemorations of our monarch's momentous milestone and you can read about the events, which are planned, and about the National Trust's estate on which one of the beacons is mounted.

With the first buds of spring adding colour to the landscape it feels as if the summer is within touching distance. We hope you will enjoy this spring edition of *The Lyme Regis Experience* and will continue to support our fantastic local businesses while revelling in the exciting events the town has to offer.



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# Let's make it a Red Letter Day for Lyme

THE four-decade relationship between Lyme Regis and the RAF's crack aerobatic team, the Red Arrows, is set to continue.

The Red Arrows have been appearing in Lyme since the early 1970s but there were fears that they would not be returning to the town to give one of their spectacular displays this year.

Apart from their first visit to the town, the Arrows have also been the main attraction during the annual Lifeboat Week, but this year the dates clashed with the pilots' mid-season leave.

The Arrows had always appeared in Lyme free of charge, attracting many thousands of people to the town and helping to raise thousands of pounds for the RNLI.

However, from this year a fee has to be paid for an appearance by the Red Arrows and the Lifeboat Week organisers were unable to commit their charitable funds to such a large amount, thought to have been in the region of £13,000.

Working in conjunction with Lyme Regis Town Council and Lyme Regis Business Group, the *View from Lyme Regis*, publishers of *The Lyme Regis Experience*, launched a fund to ensure the relationship with the Red Arrows continued.

With generous support from a local business and the formation of a Red Arrows 100 Club, in which 100 members donate £100, the display fee and insurance costs have already been raised and the Arrows will return on Thursday, July 21st at a time to be confirmed.

The intention is to organise a programme of events around the display to make it a real Red Letter Day for Lyme.



## THE RED ARROWS RETURN! THURSDAY 21ST JULY



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# Blessing of the Boats



SINCE being deemed in need of a lifeboat just two years after the founding of the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck – what we now know as the RNLI – in 1824, Lyme Regis has been proud of its long-standing association with the life-saving charity.

The need for a lifeboat was first highlighted in November 1824 when local men saved the crew of the barque "Unity" during a storm. Three of the men received gold and silver awards for their gallantry – some of the first RNLI medals to be awarded.

Two local boats were then converted and served as lifeboats from 1825 to 1852, but after four of the five lifeboatmen perished at sea while rowing to the aid of the barque "Heroine", which was wrecked in the bay while carrying migrants to Australia, it was decided that a purpose-built lifeboat was needed.

Five purpose-built lifeboats were stationed in Lyme Regis over the following years, attending a total of 32 call-outs before the station was closed in 1932, as motorised lifeboats from Exmouth and Weymouth were believed to be able to cover the area.

Local boats once again served as lifeboats until the Royal Air Force Marine Craft Unit came to town and operated their patrol and safety launches.

The RAF unit was closed in 1964, but with a boom in recreational boating and Lyme Regis now a thriving holiday resort, a fundraising campaign was launched resulting in the re-opening of the lifeboat station, which has remained in place ever since, with the modern station we see today on the historic Cobb built in 1997.

Lyme Regis is currently served by the Atlantic 85 B-857 lifeboat "Spirit of Loch Fyne", which was stationed in the town in 2012. The sea-going and shore-based crew is made up entirely of volunteers, many of whom work in and around the town and can be seen dashing to the station when their pagers sound – come rain or shine, day or night.

Lyme Regis celebrates the efforts of its brave lifeboat crew every year during Lifeboat Week in July, which raises thousands of pounds for the RNLI. But a more poignant event remembering Lyme's rich sea-faring history is also hosted by the lifeboat crew each May.

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# Blessing of the Boats



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This reflective service always attracts a big crowd of both residents and visitors alike, and includes hymns accompanied by Lyme Regis Town Band.

The service concludes with the blessing of wreaths of flowers which are carried down the slipway and handed to members of the lifeboat crew, to be taken out into the bay in the "Spirit of Loch Fyne" where they are laid to commemorate those lost at sea.



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# Lyme Regis Bowling Club



HERE are few better places to while away the hours whilst enjoying our spectacular coastline than at the Lyme Regis Bowling Club.

The club, which is this year preparing for its 59th annual open tournament, was founded in 1937, and currently has around 90 full members who regularly play at their seafront home which overlooks the historic Cobb.

The sport of bowls dates back to the 13th century and a manuscript of that period in the royal library contains a drawing representing two players aiming at a small cone instead of an earthenware ball or jack. The oldest surviving bowling green is just up the coast at Southampton and is thought to have been first used in 1299.

Having increased in popularity hugely over the last few years, bowls is one of the "core sports" that must be included at each edition of the Commonwealth Games. With the exception of the 1966 Games, the sport has been included in all Games since their inception in 1930.

One of Great Britain's quintessential sports, bowls is sometimes dubbed 'chess with balls' and there are said to be more than 400,000 bowlers in England. The annual world championships

usually pull in around three million spectators on TV.

Considered one of the best in the Southwest, the Lyme Regis green boasts seven rinks and an impressive outdoor raised viewing area overlooking the green. The annual open day is on April 23rd and all ages are welcome to go along for a try of the game between 11am-4pm. The club is also offering a whopping 50 per cent off to new members who join before May 29th for the 2016 season on production of the advert below.

If you can't make the open day the club invites any potential new members to go along on any Wednesday evening at 6pm for club night and unless the club has a full rinks fixture, at least two rinks are available to the general public to hire and a club steward will be on hand to book you in. Woods and shoes are also for hire and there's free tuition for all new bowlers.

The excellent clubhouse with a licensed bar is open to visiting bowlers and limited catering is available with details on request.

If you would like to pop along and make some new friends the club is also hosting a Big Breakfast at the clubhouse on Sunday, May 29th 8am-1pm.

For more information or to get in touch visit the club website at [www.lymeregisbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.lymeregisbowlingclub.co.uk)



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# QUEEN'S BEACON

THURSDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

AFTER outdoing itself during the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 – hosting one of the most extensive programmes of celebrations along the south coast – Lyme Regis is gearing up to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday in style this year.

To get the party started, Lyme will be taking part in the national Beacon Project, which will see beacons lit across the country and in UK Overseas Territories on the Queen's actual birthday – Thursday, April 21st.

There is a long and unbroken tradition in the UK of celebrating royal jubilees, weddings, coronations and special birthdays with the lighting of beacons – on top of mountains, churches and castle battlements, on town and village greens, farms, country parks and estates, and along the beaches surrounding shores.

So far, more than 255 local

communities, including town and parish councils, local authorities, youth groups and organisations such as the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution, the Crown Estate, Windsor, Historic Houses Association, English Heritage, National Trust, Country Land and Business Association, Trinity House, the Royal Air Force, National Association of Local Councils, Local Government Association, Once Voice Wales, National Association of Civic Officers and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, have agreed to take part in the Beacon Project for the Queen's birthday. Lyme will be among those uniting the nation in common celebration of this important milestone in the Queen's life.

The Beacon Project, by agreement with The Royal Household, will form an important part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, and Her Majesty has agreed to light the principle beacon.

For the first time in history, members of the Army Cadet Force, representing the youth of the nation, will be taking gas-fuelled beacons to the top of the four highest peaks in the United Kingdom – Ben Nevis in Scotland, Mount Snowdon in Wales, Scafell Pike in England, and Slieve Donard in Northern Ireland.

Lyme Regis Town Council is organising the local celebrations and plans to use the existing beacon at Cobb Gate on this special occasion. The beacon lighting time will be confirmed at a later date but they are expected to be lit across the country in the early evening.

The town council is also planning a full weekend of events for the Queen's official birthday in June, with full details yet to be released.



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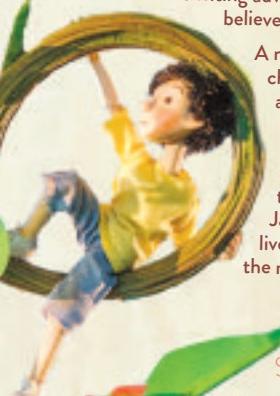
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With banjo and fiddle, soaring harmonies, and syncopated, percussive step-dance, the Buffalo Gals promise a lively kick to the weekend.



## BLOFELD & BAXTER: ROGUES ON THE ROAD

Thursday, April 7th, bar 7pm. £18/£15

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IT'S time to blow away the cobwebs and banish those winter blues, and with the onset of the welcome warmth of spring there's no better way to spend a weekend than luxuriating in the taste of some exquisite local nectar while catching some live music. The Lyme Regis Beer Festival will help you to start the season with a smile when it takes up residency at the Marine Theatre on March 25th and 26th. The popular event has been extended over two days this year, so there is even more time for you to sup on the superb selection of local beers while soaking up the serene atmosphere in the pleasingly picturesque surroundings.

For the sixth consecutive year the festival will showcase the very finest liquid refreshments from local micro breweries in Devon, Dorset and Somerset, alongside

some of the very best ciders from local farmhouse producers. It was in 2011 that local breweries combined forces to create the first "Three Brewers Beer Festival" and this year it promises to be bigger and better than ever with a programme of top flight entertainment to provide a soundtrack to the weekend's events.

On Friday you can join in with the 'local cause fundraising night' themed disco and early tasting of special beers at the theatre, where there is bound to be something on tap to tempt and tantalise your taste buds.

Saturday's festivities will not only provide you with some superb live entertainment, but you can also enjoy hot food from the barbecue, and with one of the most enviable views of Lyme Bay, you'll be able to spend the day revelling in great quality music and beer and all for the small sum of £5. The plethora of local talent on show includes

Julian Shaw, Ellie Kirtley and the indomitable Lyme Luggers who will bring their ukuleles to the Marine Theatre once again this year. The Luggers were formed in 2013 and have gone on to become one of the town's most popular groups. They will be followed in the evening by the headlining act Mr Jean whose unique mix of rock, pop and disco has made them the toast of the town.

Advanced tickets for the two day event can be purchased from Lyme Regis TIC, Lyme Regis Brewery or online for just £4.

Tickets are available on the door at a cost of £5 and include a festival pint glass for all adults. Accompanied children are free to enter.

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LYME REGIS Musical Theatre



# Sister Act

THE award-winning Lyme Regis Musical Theatre are in the 'habit' of wowing local audiences and are preparing to peak once again this year when they present the smash hit musical *Sister Act* at the Marine Theatre in May. The outstanding group of performers has continued to gain an enviable reputation for producing exceptionally high quality shows, with many who witnessed their epic production of *Evita* in 2015 likening the musical to those in the West End.

The company, previously known as Lyme Regis Operatic Society, changed their name last year to reflect the move towards musicals, rather than light operettas, and hoped the revision would encourage more young talent to join the ranks. The gamble seems to have paid off with the acclaimed theatrical team here in Lyme continuing to entice the very best talent from the surrounding area. The cast of this year's show includes performers from Honiton, Seaton, Chard and Bridport. One such star turn is the enchanting Lauren Glover, who joins the Lyme Regis society to play Deloris Van Cartier, a role which was made famous by Whoopi Goldberg in the 1992 film of the same name.

Lauren is well known within local theatrical circles having impressed as Sweet Charity with Bridport Musical Theatre Company. She is also the vocal coach for the group which has just won the accolade of best musical production in the South West for their 2015 production of *West Side Story* at the National Operatic and Drama Association (NODA) awards. The young songstress makes the journey along the coast for a role which will ideally suit her powerhouse vocals and tremendous on stage charm. Lauren is joined by many stalwarts of the Lyme Regis stage and some fantastic fresh new talent, who will bring the lively choreography by the award-winning Rachel Worsley to life in the family friendly and infectiously funny musical.

*Sister Act* tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van

Cartier, a disco diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she won't be found – a convent! Disguised as a nun and under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, sisterhood and music.

The musical features original music by Tony and eight-time Oscar winner Alan Menken (Disney's *Aladdin* and *Beauty and the Beast*, *Newsies*, *Enchanted*), with a dazzling mixture of songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco and has been seen by more than six million people worldwide. The original West End production starred Sheila Hancock as the Mother Superior and ran at the London Palladium from June 2009 to October 2010 with Whoopi Goldberg taking over the role as the production neared its finale. A brand new production directed by Strictly Come Dancing judge Craig Revel Horwood is about to embark on a UK tour and will star former X-Factor winner Alexandra Burke. Here in Lyme, however, there is no need to go any further than Church Street where you will be able to enjoy the momentous musical in the delightful little theatre by the sea.

*Sister Act* is directed by the acclaimed local, veteran, stage master Nick Lawrence, who will also guide the professional live orchestra during the week of shows, which run from May 9th-14th at the Marine Theatre. The show is likely to sell out so if you don't want to miss the main theatrical event in Lyme Regis this spring, book your tickets before it's too late.

*Sister Act* runs from May 9th-14th at the Marine Theatre. To book tickets you can either visit Serendip, Broad Street, Lyme Regis or call 01297 442594.



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fishing trip is the perfect way to while away a spring day.

Harry May started his deep sea mackerel fishing trips back in 1970 and over 45 years later has no intention of retiring. Now a local celebrity, Harry has appeared on the popular 'Coast' programme and the BBC's 'Country Tracks' show which featured model and TV personality Jodie Kidd spending an hour mackerel fishing with Harry on his boat, the Marie F, in the blustery wind and rain. Harry recently appeared on BBC1's Holiday of my Lifetime with Len Goodman.

Mackerel are a very important fish to anglers both for sport and as bait. There has been resurgence in the popularity of the fish as a main dish in many fine dining establishment with the firm, oil rich flesh, providing the basis of an abundance of delicious recipes. For most, however, fresh from the sea and pan-fried or barbequed gives the greatest gastronomic outcome and devouring the iridescent silver and blue striped skin caught on your own line can give you that added sense of satisfaction.

The agile fish are not as

easy to catch as you may think, however, as the predatory mackerel are the fastest swimming fish in UK waters, able to swim around 50 metres in ten seconds. Once mackerel arrive for the summer they move in vast shoals, hunting small fish or sand eels. A large shoal of mackerel can force smaller fish such as sand eel, herring and sprats to the surface of the sea making it look as if sections of the sea are boiling.

Harry does a daily deep sea fishing trip from Lyme Regis Harbour leaving at 8.30am and returning at 11.30am, £25 per person, rod and bait included. These trips go after whiting, dogfish, bream, gurnard, mackerel, the occasional skate, conger, pollack, scad and bull huss. If you're planning on eating your fish for supper please ask the skipper and he will prepare your catch for the barbecue.

Other deep-sea fishing trips visit a variety of different reefs and wrecks within Lyme Bay. Details of these eight-hour trips can be found on the boards opposite the lifeboat station.

If you would like further information or would like to book a fishing trip you can contact Harry May on 07974 753287 or Email: [harry@harrymay.com](mailto:harry@harrymay.com)



For a fresh spring taste alternative, you can rub the filleted mackerel on both sides with paprika and a little salt. Mix orange segments with shallots, olives, parsley and a good grinding of black pepper before pan-frying the mackerel on both sides for 2-3 mins. Serve with new potatoes and green beans.

# Harry May

Deep Sea & Mackerel Fishing Trips

Photos by Richard Austin



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# Spring, spring, spring?



AS THE first buds of Spring start to emerge from the ground, many of us will begin to get out and about a bit more and encompass a brisk walk along the sea front as part of our routine once again. Our spectacular coastline and harbour beckon, but the picture postcard view from the Marine Parade can vary enormously dependant on the times of the tide. At low tide a bit of rock pooling is a must on Lucy's Ledge, the rocky outcrop which is only exposed when the tide is out, but it's during high tide and particularly during spring tides that the historic Cobb and harbour are at their most spectacular. Thrill seekers and photographers are the only brave, or perhaps better described as foolhardy, souls to make the trip along the great sea wall to goad the waves during the highest tides, but it's not the season of spring that the term 'spring tide' actually refers to. It is, in fact, the concept of the tide "springing back and forth" with which the phenomenon gained its name.

Tides are the long-period waves that roll around the planet as the sea is moved back and forth by

the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun as these bodies interact with the Earth in their monthly and yearly orbits.

When the sun, moon and earth all line up at new or full moon, we get the highest (and indeed lowest) tides which are called 'spring' tides. This occurs twice each lunar month, although, in fact, it takes a bit of time for the enormous mass of water to move, so the spring tide will actually occur a couple of days after the new (or full) moon.

Seven days after a spring tide, the sun and moon are at right angles to each other. When this happens, the bulge of the ocean caused by the sun partially cancels out the bulge of the ocean caused by the moon. This produces moderate tides known as neap tides, meaning that high tides are a little lower and low tides are a little higher than average. Neap tides occur during the first and third quarter moon, when the moon appears "half full". The word 'neap' is thought to have originated from the middle English word

'neep' meaning small.

Although the sun, the moon and the rotation of the earth are the major forces involved in creating the tides the local conditions such as the shoreline and the contour of the ocean floor also have an effect. This means that unlike Lyme, not everywhere has two tides a day - there are some places that experience what is known as a double-high water (e.g. Southampton) or double-low water (e.g. Portland).

Here in Lyme Regis however, be it high or low, spring or neap, you'll find a unique and beautiful vista awaiting your promenade along our glorious beaches.

The harbour master here in Lyme Regis has a live weather station mounted on the office and you can also see it on the website lymeregis.org. For tide predictions for Lyme Regis you can visit the UK Hydrographic Office Admiralty Easytide website [www.ukho.gov.uk](http://www.ukho.gov.uk)

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# The beauty of Belmont House

After eight years of detailed research, fundraising and restoration, Belmont – the former Lyme Regis home of famed author John Fowles and pioneering 18th century businesswoman, Eleanor Coade – is open once again.

Bought by the Landmark Trust in 2007 in dire need of repair, the grade II listed building on Pound Street has been meticulously restored using traditional craft skills at a cost of £1.8million. With the once faded façade returned to its striking shade of pink, it now reflects the original 18th century seaside villa.

Like the Landmark Trust's other 195 buildings, Belmont, which sleeps eight, will be let as self-catering accommodation for short breaks ensuring it will never again fall into disrepair.

For nearly forty years Belmont was owned by pioneering 18th century businesswoman, Eleanor Coade (1733-1821). She built up a successful artificial stone business in the "man's world" of the Georgian era. Coade-stone was used upon many Regency buildings across Britain and beyond that still exist today, including the Royal Naval College in Greenwich and Buckingham Palace, and her business earned the respect of great architects of the day such as Robert Adam and John Nash.

Belmont later became the home of acclaimed author John Fowles (1926-2005), where he lived for almost four decades. Much of his work was written at Belmont, including the completion of "The French Lieutenant's Woman", which later became a hit film starring Meryl Streep in the 1980s.

Fowles wanted Belmont to be enjoyed by many people in the future, particularly other writers. Landmark will make the building available to all for self-catering holidays, and there will be a large collection of books reflecting Fowles' work and his interests for guests to browse. Moreover, creative writing students will participate in annual study weeks.

Dr Anna Keay, director of the Landmark Trust, said: "We are enormously proud of having completed this ambitious restoration project, particularly in our fiftieth anniversary year. The rejuvenated building is once again a fitting monument to the genius of Eleanor Coade. Visitors will now be able to stay in her Georgian architectural gem and in so doing experience the beauty and peace that inspired one of our greatest modern writers, John Fowles."

The Landmark Trust has also created a permanent exhibition in the adjacent former stables for the public to visit, and this will be open from 2pm to 5pm every Friday from April 1st to October 31st. The exhibition offers a window into the lives of Coade and Fowles, as well as Dr Richard Bangay (1834-1933), a lesser-known but fascinating character who also lived at Belmont in the Victorian era.



His story has been unearthed for the first time during the restoration. Self-taught and from a poor background, Dr Bangay was a keen astronomer and he built the observatory tower in the garden of Belmont. This is a very rare survival of a working amateur Victorian astronomer's observatory, now newly restored. One of the interesting finds discovered during the restoration was Bangay's signature on one of the timbers, dated 1881.

Belmont was in urgent need of repair when Landmark bought it in 2007, after which the charity raised £1.8million to complete the rescue. Landmark led the restoration process in-house by acting as principal contractor, using traditional craft skills involving hairied-lime plasters, lime mortars and renders, traditional joinery and Coade stone repairs.

Carole Paton, one of Landmark's building surveyors, said: "Restoration projects are always very absorbing, but Belmont has been entirely consuming for everyone involved. We used evidence from the orig-

inal building to restore Belmont to its appearance and layout in Eleanor Coade's time. Major highlights were finding a signature on one of the keystones and the date of 1782 in one of the urn lids.

"The quality and detail of the Coade stone that survives from this era is astounding and to think that Eleanor may have been personally involved in its creation feels very special."

Thanks to meticulous paint analysis, the façade today is a striking pink to match the shade Mrs Coade would have known. The fireplace and all the delicate decoration in the sitting room, formerly Fowles' writing room, are original, after ornate cornices clogged with two centuries of paint were cleaned to reveal their astonishing detail.

The beautiful west window and Mrs Coade's parlour have also been reinstated. Outside, the gate posts are back in their original location with reproduction Coade stone gate caps.



Using such original details, Landmark's craftspeople have recreated any damaged or missing items at their studio in the Cotswolds, such as fireplaces, architraves, shutters and skirting boards. Prince's Foundation apprentices have contributed to the project, including one sponsored by Landmark, who worked alongside experienced craftsmen to carry out joinery work and conservation repairs on the west wall.

John Evets, Landmarks' furnishings expert has overseen the presentation and furnishings at Belmont, which falls in a favourite period for him. The colours, fabrics and furniture uniquely evoke Belmont's history and the lives lived within it.

Belmont has since won the Landmark Trust Best Restoration of a Georgian Building in an Urban Setting at the Georgian Group awards.



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# JAZZ & BLUES

WEEKEND - LYME REGIS

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THIS year's Lyme Regis Jazz & Blues Weekend is a musical must for the May Bank Holiday – for residents and visitors alike. Building on the town's growing reputation for music-making, over 20 acts featuring jazz, blues and fusion, will entertain holiday crowds over a four day wrap-around, music-filled weekend.

The festival has more than doubled in size since last year to include an extensive programme of free concerts on the seafront and elsewhere around the town, as well as headline acts at the Marine Theatre, plus the ever-popular BBQ and brunch.

The weekend also cements a musical partnership with B Sharp, the Lyme-based youth music charity, which holds its annual Busking Festival on Saturday, May 28th, welcoming talent and audiences of all ages in a celebration of music making. It is the festival's successful marriage of young, home-grown musical talent with internationally-acclaimed acts such as Chris Barber in Lyme's stunning seaside setting, which gives it stand-out, star quality.

The weekend gets off to a flying start in the Marine Theatre with the legendary Chris Barber and the Big Chris Barber Band, one of the finest jazz bands in Europe, playing everything from New Orleans jazz to blues. This event will be a rare opportunity to see and hear one of the icons of British jazz up close and personal in one of the country's most intimate musical venues

The programme also reaches half way across the globe to welcome the hugely talented, multi-award-winning CSUN Jazz Band, the 22-piece big band with a big sound, all the way from Los Angeles. They'll bring the music of Basie, Ellington and Buddie Rich to the sunny shores of Lyme Regis, in one of their few stops on a UK tour.

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To round off a spectacular programme, the young blues sensation, Laurence Jones, performs on Sunday evening at Marine Theatre. Twice winner of British Blues Awards' "Young Artist of the Year" and voted "Best Guitarist" by last year's European Blues Awards, Laurence is the future face of British Blues with a stellar career awaiting him. This promises to be an exhilarating guitar-fuelled finale to remember.



Sunday, May 29th, Marine Theatre  
Laurence Jones  
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Saturday, May 28th, Marine Theatre  
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Here in Lyme Regis, the National Trust shop on Marine Parade is well worth a visit. As a charity, the trust relies on income from membership fees, donations and legacies, as well as revenue gained from commercial operations including shops and holiday cottages. Boasting panoramic views of Golden Cap and the Jurassic Coast, the shop has recently received a makeover and the increased shelf space makes it even more of a pleasure to browse.

The seafront store sells the very best of the National Trust's products, alongside carefully selected items which fit into the coastal theme and some excellent local goods.

Due to its perfect location the staff and volunteers at the shop pass on a plethora of valuable information to visitors, not just about the National Trust but also about the local area, especially during the winter when the information point on Marine Parade is closed.

The shop is open 364 days a year and helps in providing funds to manage some of the most beautiful scenery within our locale. As you look out from Marine Parade across the breathtaking vista you can see some of the sites, including the world famous Golden Cap Estate.

Just across the bay are the undulating hills of one of the most glorious parts of the Jurassic Coast which includes Stonebarrow, Langdon Hill and highest point on the south coast, the glorious Golden Cap then further along the coast to the east are the iconic sandstone cliffs of Burton Bradstock. All these places are cared for by the trust for everyone to enjoy.

As you'd expect from the highest point on the south coast, the views in all directions are spectacular on a clear day. You can park on either side of the cliff top and meander your way up to the top in the knowledge that you will be amply rewarded by the views and sense of achievement on your ascent to the summit.

Stonebarrow Hill is an excellent starting point for exploring the Golden Cap Estate. From the car park there are some excellent short walks along the hilltop, or you can enjoy a longer coastal walk to Golden Cap and beyond, returning via an inland route across wildlife-rich meadows. There's a lovely little National Trust shop and information centre (open Easter to October half term) at the car park, housed within an old radar station where you can buy teas, coffees and ice-creams and can get information on trails and walks. Why not try out the smugglers trail when you visit? The kids will love it!

Langdon Hill car park is another popular starting place for walkers, with over 25 miles of footpaths to explore around the whole estate. The route from Langdon Hill is ideal for families with pushchairs or those seeking a less-challenging stroll. There is a small woodland play trail close to the car park and a

scenic circuit along level paths, popular with dog walkers and those after a less challenging walk. This is a great place to seek shade on a hot summer's day. It's also rich in wildlife, with carpets of bluebells in spring and unusual varieties of fungi in the autumn.

Thorncome Beacon stands to the east of Golden Cap on the Jurassic Coast. Like its taller neighbour, it gets its distinctive colour from a green mineral in the rock that turns rusty-gold in sunlight. The beacon was lit to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and will burn bright once again this year as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations. There's been a signal station there from at least the 16th century, built to warn of invasion.

For those who require assistance with their visit, during the summer months, a mobility tramper is available for hire from Filcombe Farm House, West Dorset office. The tramper can be booked by phone on 01297 489481.

If you would like further information you can visit the website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/golden-cap](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/golden-cap) or simply pop into one of the shops and have a chat with one of the friendly volunteers.



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## Places to visit

Stonebarrow Hill: scenic walking, geocaching, small shop and toilets

Golden Cap: the highest point on the south coast with spectacular views

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We sent our intrepid canine chums, Bruce and Buddy out and about to check out the very best the town has to offer some wandering woofers and their human companion.

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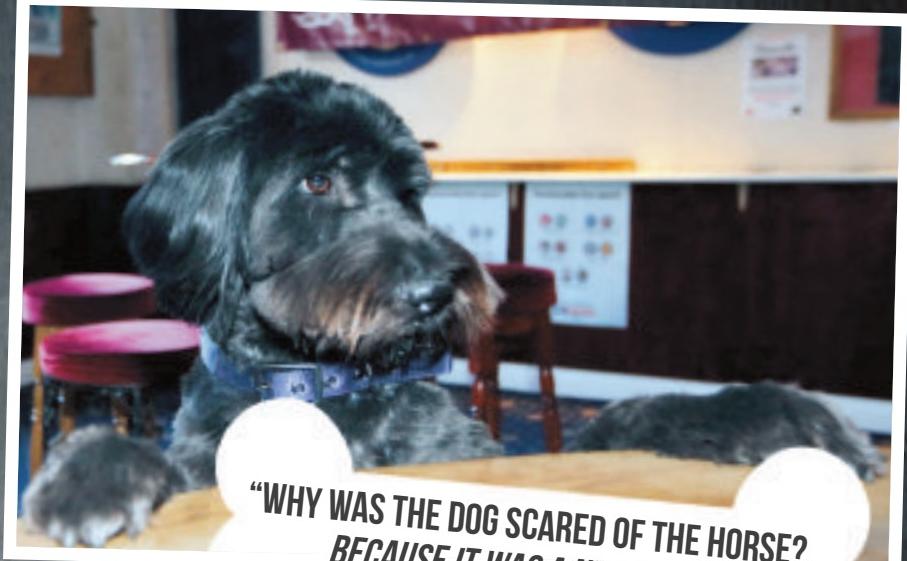
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"WHY WAS THE DOG SCARED OF THE HORSE?  
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"WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS A SHEEPDOG  
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## HOUSE OF FLOWERS

Next they jauntily made their way down Broad Street and decided to pay a visit to House of Flowers to see Poppy and get some new blooms to brighten their day. The human had her cuticles caressed at the nail bar while Bruce and Buddy frolicked in the flowers. Feel Fabulous Nails opened in 2014 within the acclaimed House of Flowers, which was established in 1996 by specialist florist Teresa Fowler. Since training as a nail technician, Teresa has enjoyed further success and now offers advanced gel nails, extensions, infills and removals alongside her manicures, pedicures and creative nail art.



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## COSTA



Our human needed some more relaxation following the flower shop merriment so they dropped into Costa for a quick coffee and lie down. With the free wifi, she was also able to check in with her pals on social media and post some fantastic pictures of the pooches.

Costa was recently voted the nation's favourite coffee shop for the third year in a row and the Lyme Regis branch is a thriving and vibrant example of the franchise, which prides itself on high quality coffee and choice nibbles. The cafe in Broad Street opened in September 2012 and with their doggy friendly philosophy has become the place to go for those with canine comrades.



**"WHAT'S A DOG'S FAVOURITE TREAT?...  
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"WHAT KIND OF DOG LIKES TAKING A BATH?...  
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## THE COBB ARMS

After a brisk run along Monmouth Beach our pileous pals were ready to rest their weary legs and so popped across to The Cobb Arms where they were spending a luxurious night in one of the light and airy en suite rooms. The family run pub is so enamoured by blissful bowwows that they even offer a little breakfast treat for fury friends. Dogs are allowed to stay with well behaved owners at a cost of £10 for the entire stay and a breakfast sausage for the dog is also included!

The Cobb Arms only has three letting rooms, which are situated right in the heart of Lyme Regis harbour, so are the perfect place to relax and watch the world go by. There are two family rooms and one twin with prices all including a full English breakfast.

Children stay for half price or free for under fives, but there is a £5 charge for children's breakfasts.

Breakfast at the Cobb Arms is a wonderful treat, with an array of fresh fruit, Greek yoghurt and honey, fruit yoghurt, mixed nuts, prunes and an assortment of cereals also available if you're after an alternative to the traditional full English.

Freshly brewed coffee and a full complement of teas are available, with orange juice served to each table. If you have any special dietary requirements, you can advise when booking and the wonderful staff will ensure everything you need is made available.

The foodie paradise downstairs caters for absolutely everyone and serves delicious treats everyday from 11.45am until 9pm. They also specialise in gluten free food. With battered cod and chips, quiche and a whole range of wonderful choices to excite your taste buds, there is something for everyone. They will even provide packed lunches for the beach or to take on fishing trips if you are off out for a day of adventures.

The cost to stay at The Cobb Arms is £90 for a double room including breakfast (based on two people sharing). The pub serves food everyday from 11.45am until 9pm and you can find out more details by visiting their website [thecobbarsms.co.uk](http://thecobbarsms.co.uk) or by calling 01297 443242.

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# Easter Bonnets



EASTER marks the beginning of the busy tourism season in Lyme Regis, and what better way to kick things off than with a colourful display of Easter bonnets marching down the high street?

The Easter Bonnet Parade – with eggs, bunnies and spring flowers galore – was first established in the late 1990s by the late six-times Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Barbara Austin MBE, whose smile always beamed from ear to ear as she led the procession down Broad Street.

Barbara's spirit has certainly lived on with the popular event now organised annually by Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival Committee, generously sponsored by residents Colin and Judith Pothecary and local businesses who ensure everyone taking part goes home with an Easter treat.

The parade, now in its 18th year, is preceded by a competition for the best bonnets in a range of age categories (even the grown-ups can join in!) and each year sees a growing number of homemade creations of all shapes and sizes competing for the winners' trophies, including a special cup awarded in Mrs Austin's memory.

From beautiful bonnets to towering top hats, there's no end to the imagination and creativity at this family fun event, much-loved by both residents and visitors, with some families returning to Lyme year after year just to take part.

So put a spring in your step this Easter and join the parade! This year's event will be held on Easter Sunday, March 27th at 3pm, but if you want to take part don't miss the judging at Lyme Regis Baptist Church, at the top of Broad Street, from 2pm.



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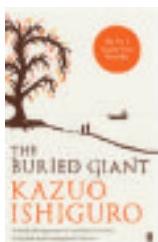
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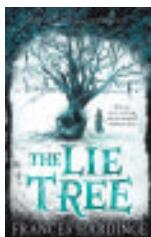
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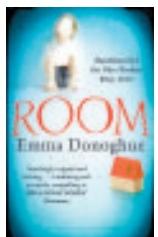
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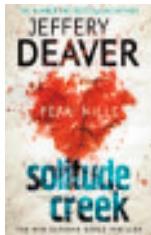
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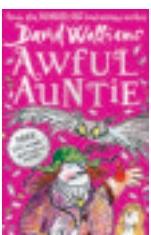
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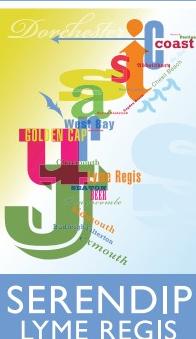
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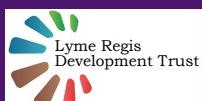
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Ideally located on Marine Parade, By the Bay ticks all the boxes when it comes to delicious food, fresh, local

produce, a good wine list, family friendly service, value for money and great views. We have a loyal local clientele and are always a favourite with holidaymakers and visitors looking for somewhere good to eat.

The menu reads like every foodie's wish list of seaside fare. For fish lovers, there's our signature fish and chips, mouth-watering moules frites, traditional fish pie and fresh catch of the day. Meat lovers will salivate over succulent, locally farmed sirloin steak and chips, our gut-busting quarter-pound beef

burgers and delightfully retro gammon 'n' eggs. Vegetarians are also well catered for with imaginative meat-free options and our kitchen team is always happy to provide alternative dishes for specific dietary needs.

Breakfast and brunch are served daily from 9.30am until 12noon, offering everything from croissant, toast and butter or a full English to eggs benedict and scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Snacks, nibbles, sharing plates and light meals are also available all day.

Portions are generous, but half orders and children's meals are available; not just for the kids, but anyone with a smaller appetite – or, indeed those smart enough to plan ahead and leave room for dessert!

While food is at the heart of By the Bay's offering, many guests come to simply sit on the terrace and watch the world go by with a pot of tea, a steaming coffee or hot chocolate or a glass of their favourite tipple. The kids can play on the beach while mum and dad look on from the terrace or relax on the

lovely squashy sofas inside.

Bright and cheerful, with lots of quirky and interesting artwork adorning the walls, By the Bay is welcoming, comfortable and great value for money. There's lots of space for bigger family gatherings and both children and well-behaved dogs are always welcome.

Reservations are not essential, although By the Bay does get very busy at peak times, so if in doubt, call 01297 442668 and book a table to avoid disappointment.



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# Cating Out

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## LYME BAY PIZZA

Welcome to Lyme Bay Pizza. We are a small restaurant with BIG Views! The restaurant is situated on the Cobb with our rooftop terrace overlooking the bay and with our complementary blankets you can enjoy the view even when it's a little cooler. From Easter Monday onwards throughout the summer, we will be opening from 10am serving a selection of homemade cakes to be enjoyed out on our terrace.

Our main goals are to do good food well and offer value for money. The food is served in a relaxed environment with seating inside and outside. Our front of house team is friendly and very willing to help in any way.

Here we pride ourselves on tasty contemporary pizzas. All our pizzas start with a sour dough base for a richer flavour and are hand stretched. We use Sicilian tomato sauce from our specialist supplier topped with a diced mozzarella. We then take a variety of premium ingredients from smoked pepperoni and wild mushrooms to chorizo and

roast duck to create our unique take on pizzas. These are all stone baked and finished with different fresh ingredients like rocket, basil or topped with our homemade aioli, hoi sin sauce for an extra flavour hit.

We have also just perfected our gluten free pizza base which is now available.

We don't just offer pizzas. With the Wet Fish Shop just down the road, our chef always has fresh fish available for daily specials, and we have a variety of other dishes on the menu. Check out the website for our full listing. [www.lymebaypizza.co.uk](http://www.lymebaypizza.co.uk)

For the Easter weekend we will be giving away a free Easter egg with every child's meal on the Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Sunday.

We serve a variety of wines, lager, cider, spirits and ales from Lyme Regis Brewery all at competitive prices. Or why not come up for a cocktail as the nights get longer and warmer?

Thanks from Lyme Bay Pizza and we look forward to seeing you at our restaurant.



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## PILOT BOAT INN

Your hosts Steve, Emma and their team welcome you to The Pilot Boat Inn, a traditional Dorset pub set in the heart of the seaside town of Lyme Regis, that is popular with locals and visitors alike.

After running several successful pubs for many years in Surrey, Steve and Emma worked at Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's River Cottage for five years, and went on to win many awards during a spell running The George Inn at Chideock. They've now brought these experiences, along with Dan and Pearl, their management team, to The Pilot Boat and have plans to make some exciting changes in the near future!

Produce is bought daily depending on seasonality, what is available from local farms, what has been caught, grown, foraged, shot, or what is available at

good local suppliers. As well as our standard menu we have daily specials and stone baked pizzas!

Drink is taken seriously as well, and in line with our "keep it local" ethos, all of our cask ale is brewed by the award-winning Palmers Brewery in Bridport. The wine list is well thought-out, sampling a good cross section of grape varieties that complement our menu.

Live music every Friday, mussels and Prosecco every Wednesday, quizzes, comedy nights and barn dances are amongst the events regularly on the calendar.

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## GREENS RESTAURANT

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GREENS is the brand-new restaurant at Lyme Regis Golf Club under the leadership of head chef Stephen Pielesz. The golf club is situated on Timber Hill in Lyme Regis, on the cliff top, and the restaurant is open to the general public all year round; you do not need to be a member or even a golfer to experience the exquisite cuisine that is now on offer.

Head chef Steve spent most of his childhood years living in Charmouth and went to school at Woodroffe, first joining Lyme Regis Golf Club as a junior at the age of 14. He then left home at 17 and moved to France where he began his career at L'Aubergade in Puymarol under the guidance of 3\* Michelin Chef, Michel Trama.

Steve returned to the UK at 18 years old to become the Junior Sous at Bath Spa Hotel where he spent four years honing his skills and developing his enthusiasm for fine British cuisine. From there, he joined the Michelin star restaurant at Chewton Glen Hotel. When he left at the age of 26, he became the executive head chef at Bowood Golf and Country Club. Here he learned more about catering for large functions, including weddings, and

began to focus back on his golf game at the same time. In 2009 Stephen was drawn back to Dorset and became head chef at The Bridge House Hotel in Beaminster where he has held two AA rosettes for the last five years, cooking good quality British food using local produce.

After recently becoming a father for the first time, he decided that now is the time for a new work challenge and Lyme Regis Golf Club are delighted that he has chosen to launch Greens Restaurant with them.

The clubhouse looks out onto the course and offers a relaxed environment for everyone to enjoy the excellent catering at Greens. The restaurant can seat 110 people and has ample free parking, which is a huge rarity in Lyme Regis!

With Steve at the helm everything on the menu is freshly prepared and made in-house using the finest local ingredients. Even the things you may not ordinarily think about are home made. Museli, bread, chutneys, jams, it's all made on the premises and the quality shines through.

Sunday lunch has always been a firm favourite and is now more popular than ever at Greens. Lunch is served

al-a-carte, so it's fresh and piping hot and isn't sat around on a hot plate for hours on end, like it would be at a carvery.

The first class catering at Greens restaurant, coupled with the outstanding views across the bay from the course, make it the ideal location and the perfect place to hold your private event, party, function, or wedding. The professional approach, attention to detail and friendly staff will ensure that your private function or party will be one to remember. All budgets can be catered for and bespoke packages arranged. Wedding menus will be tailor made by Steve who will work closely with you to produce a menu that you love and that fits to your budget.

The dining room and lounge areas all overlook the golf course and there is easy access to the south-facing patio area throughout the year, which gives members and visitors alike the opportunity to enjoy al-fresco dining in the open air during the warmer months.

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If you want real Italy, Italia classico, this is it and the delicious authenticity of the acclaimed menu has made Antonio's a favourite destination with three generations of fans who have been coming here since Sig. Now in their 22nd year, Gravili opened his forever-popular restaurant in October 1994.

Antonio is from Lecce, the city in Apulia they call 'the Florence of the South', and every centimetre of the trattoria, which he runs with his wife Julie, is steeped in Italian charm, from classic dishes to superb wines.

Many come again and again for Steak Antonio, the sirloin in port and onions which Antonio created and has made famous with connoisseurs of great cooking. For others, it's the homemade minestrone, the pollo porcini or the excellently-authentic penne arrabiata that lures their return to this lovely little Italy with its green walls and red tabletops.

The menu is a treat for lovers of great

Italian food. Primi include melon with Parma ham, mozzarella with tomatoes, antipasti of salami and homemade garlic bread which all win rave reviews. Specials change daily and can include salate tricolori, stuffed peppers and aubergines, smoked mackerel pate, smoked salmon with avocado and another of Antonio's signature dishes, funghi diavolo, Devil's mushrooms, cooked with chilli.

The main courses are just as classic and tasty, among them lasagne forno, spaghetti bolognese, spaghetti Napoli, steak crema, tortellini, fusilli puttanesca, and specials including the much-lauded sea bass fillets in cream and pernod, and linguine with Lyme Bay crab, all very good in the excellent company of Frascati or Verdicchio or the magnificent Barolo from the wine list. Treat yourself to a choice of desserts that include cappuccino panna cotta, tiramisu, chocolate and amaretto cream and, of course, dolcelatte with biscuits.

Romantic, family-run and inexpensive, Antonio's is an authentic dream for all lovers of the good life, Italian-style.



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## LAL QILLA

**B**ritain's first Indian restaurant opened in London as long ago as 1810. Somewhat typically, Lyme Regis' first Indian restaurant opened almost 200 years later.

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Everybody loves a great Indian meal: more than two million people in Britain eat one every week and more than 23 million servings of chicken tikka masala are sold in the UK each year – making it officially the nation's favourite dish.

We could debate until next April the many reasons why we love Indian food but one principal reason is the choice, and at Lal Qilla the choice is enormous. There are 19 starters alone, 33 specials and a hugely-impressive 108 traditional dishes to choose from. In all, Lal Qilla's menu boasts 189 choices. We all have our favourites – chicken lal mirch in spices with sliced ginger, garlic and chillies; lamb mint cooked with ground fresh mint, coriander, garlic, ginger and tomato; king prawn naga cooked to Lal Qilla's chef's closely guarded secret recipe, very spicy and recommended for the 'stronger constitution'; or vegetable

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One of the many great things about Lal Qilla – besides the helpful, polite and friendly service, the homely atmosphere and the fact that locals will pretty much always find their friends already dining in here – is that unlike some other Indian restaurants, the chef takes care not to blow your head off. Taste, not heat, is paramount in the brilliantly-prepared dishes here, which means that whilst even the fiery and fabulously-rich vindaloo is indeed 'extravagantly hot', it is not so much so that you cannot relish the excellent flavours.

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